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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 10, 2003

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated April 10, 2003. A Request For Extension of Time is concurrently filed. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

The rewritten clean versions of all the specification changes are provided below. Attached at the end of this paper is an Appendix providing an indication of the changes relative to the prior version of the specification, as now required by Rule 121.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph from lines 11-15 with the following:

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As mentioned above, the telephone interface requirements generally include